

A Hike to Yellow Dog Falls McCormick Wilderness

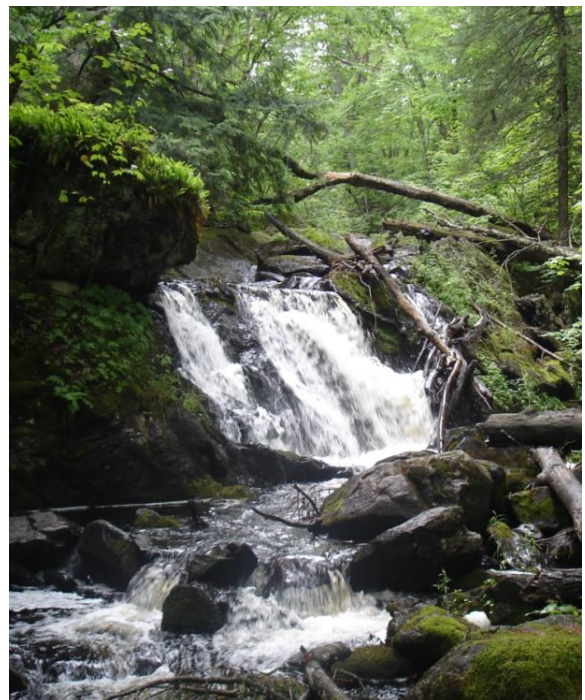
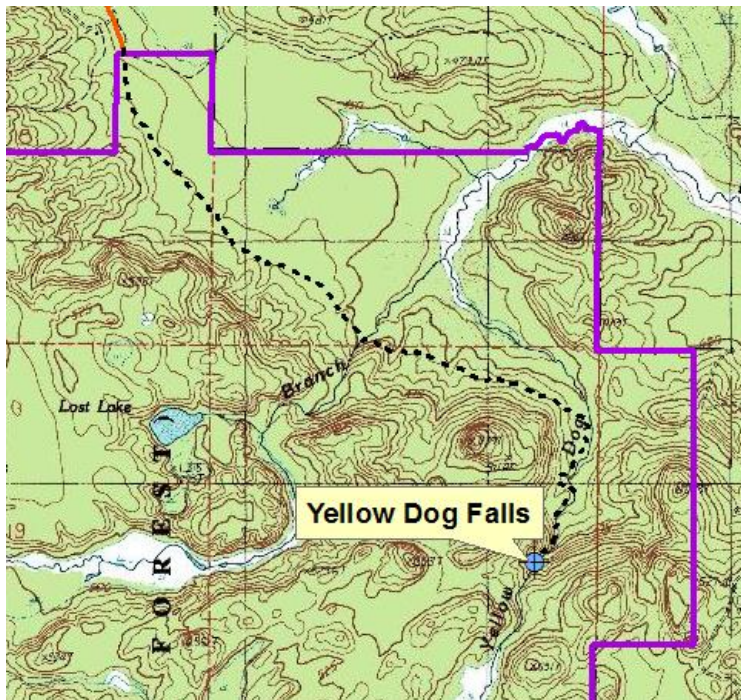
Ottawa National Forest

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The US Forest Service and the North Woods Native Plant Society are hosting a guided hike to Yellow Dog Falls in McCormick Wilderness on the Ottawa National Forest. This is a five-mile moderately strenuous hike.

Meet at the trailhead at **11 AM ET**. Allow extra travel time, this is a very remote part of the Upper Peninsula, and roads may be rough and unsigned. See directions on the second page. The trail to Yellow Dog Falls is about 2.5 miles, for a 5-mile round-trip hike. Bring hiking boots, water, snacks, insect repellent, and a camera. Trailhead coordinates: N46.73333° W87.97515°.

The trip will be led by Ian Shackelford, Botanist with the Ottawa National Forest. 906-932-1330 x328. ishackelford@fs.fed.us. For more information visit www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa and www.northwoodsnativeplantsociety.org.



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Directions to Yellow Dog Falls Trailhead, McCormick Wilderness:

Getting to the trailhead can be an adventure. Here are some options. Some routes are not suitable for low-clearance vehicles. GPS with road data recommended.

- 1. County Road 550 (Big Bay Road, from Marquette).** This route features the best roads. From the north end of Marquette, take Big Bay Road 22 miles north. Two miles before the community of Big Bay, turn left on County Road 510. Go southwest 3.1 miles until you reach Triple A Road (County Road Kaa). Go west on Triple A Road for 14 miles (passing the Eagle Mine), until it intersects with Ford Road. Turn left, and go south 2 miles, watching for the trailhead.
- 2. County Road 510.** Three miles west of Marquette on Highway 41/28, take Midway Drive and then go north on County Road 510. Continue north for 23 miles, until you reach Triple A Road (County Road Kaa). Go west on Triple A Road for 14 miles (passing the Eagle Mine), until it intersects with Ford Road. Turn left, and go south 2 miles, watching for the trailhead.
- 3. From L'Anse.** At the north end of L'Anse, follow Skanee Road for 18.6 miles, until it ends at the intersection with Portice Road and Big Erick's Road. Take Big Erick's Road for 5.3 miles. Then go east on Northwestern Road for 3 miles. Turn right on Ford Road and follow that south 6.3 miles, then look for the trailhead. Road names may vary along this route.
- 4. Peshekee Grade.** This is the most difficult route. High clearance truck required. Do not expect roads to be signed. From Highway 41/28, follow Peshekee Grade (County Road 607, Huron Bay Grade) north for 15 miles, passing the south McCormick entrance. Turn right on West Branch Huron River Road (unsigned), and cross the Peshekee River. Continue following that curvy road northeast for six miles. Intersections with unnamed logging roads will cause confusion. Hopefully you will find Triple A Road. Go east on Triple A Road for 4.8 miles, until it intersects with Ford Road. Go south on Ford Road 1.5 miles and watch for the trailhead.

